

relevance as they tackle one of the six challenges, that can take from several weeks to several months to develop.

The team from Pioneer Middle School included Carly Faulkner, Kari Opp, Whitney Faulkner, Jessica Pinkston and Aaron Galbraith. Utilizing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, these amazing individuals were able to perform an improvisational story with only a half and hour to prepare. Not only were there time limits, but they were given predetermined props and a list of 12 people, places, and times that had to be incorporated into their performance.

Can you imagine having to correlate Ghandi, the Egyptian Pyramids, Tinkerbelle, and someone winning a million dollars in the Lotto into a coherent and entertaining piece? Successfully, the 8th graders were able to accomplish just that. Surely, this takes a tremendous deal of teamwork and quick thinking!

Their coach, Shelly Skaar, who is a librarian for the East Wenatchee School District, has been with the team twice at the D2K competition. "The impact on the kids has built their teamwork, problem solving abilities, and even incorporates acting into how they compete," says Shelly.

Clearly, this is a confidence building tool that allows children to capitalize on their creativity and be proud of their ideas. I applaud the positive nature of Destination ImagiNation, and am glad that so many children across the nation and around the globe are taking part in such an original competition.●

RECOGNITION OF "STEPMOTHER'S DAY"

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my support for the many stepparents that contribute to the lives of the children that they help raise. I was sent a letter on May 21, 2000 from Mrs. Joyce Capuzzi informing me that the Sunday after Mother's Day would now be Stepmother's Day.

Joyce's stepdaughter, Lizzie, came to this decision as she recognized the importance of the relationship she has with her stepmother. I commend both Joyce and Lizzie for embracing their new family members in this manner.

Many people are blessed with step-relationships similar to the Capuzzis. However, none have ever illustrated that with the idea of creating a holiday just for the recognition of this type of relationship. It is wonderful that Lizzie Capuzzi holds so much love for her stepmother, and it is my hope that they their relationship can be an example for other stepfamilies.●

GORDON B. HINCKLEY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to

join me in congratulating Mr. Gordon Hinckley, who celebrated his 90th birthday on June 23, 2000. Mr. Hinckley is a remarkable individual. He has witnessed and been involved in many of the events that have shaped our nation into the greatest the world has ever known. The longevity of his life has meant much more, however, to the many relatives and friends whose lives he has touched over the last 90 years.

Mr. Hinckley's celebration of 90 years of life is a testament to America. His achievements are significant and deserve to be recognized. I would like to join his many friends, relatives, and colleagues in wishing him health and happiness, including rich and fulfilling friendships, in the future. I salute him.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note) and the order of the House of Thursday, June 29, 2000, the Speaker on Friday, June 30, 2000 appointed the following member on the part of the House to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Ms. Lura Lynn Ryan of Illinois.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 129. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance and value of education in United States history.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1787. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4132. An act to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 4286. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 322. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4132. An act to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4286. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 322. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1787. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 11, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 148. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9619. A communication from the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the fiscal year 2000 audit of the NSF's financial statements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9620. A communication from the President of Haskell Indian Nations University, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the final plan of the demonstration project for HINU; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-9621. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veteran Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act" (RIN2900-AK04) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9622. A communication from the General Council, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Small Business Size Standards: General Building Contractors, Heavy Construction, Except Building, Dredging and Surface Cleanup Activities, Special Trade Contractors, Garbage and Refuse Collection, Without Disposal, and Refuse Systems" (RIN3245-AE23) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-9623. A communication from the Director of Operations and Finance, The American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9624. A communication from the Vice-Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election Cycle Reporting by Authorized Committees" received on July 7, 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-528. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to apple cider; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 35

Whereas, New Hampshire has over 60 small family-run cider mills which will likely be forced to close if the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) proceeds with new rules requiring pasteurization of apple cider offered for sale to the consuming public; and

Whereas, the costs of installing pasteurization equipment are prohibitive and are beyond the means of all but the very largest commercial apple cider makers; and

Whereas, alternative technologies using either ultraviolet rays or a strict process of washing and rinsing of the raw apples can accomplish the USFDA's goal of a 100,000-fold bacteria reduction: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: That in order to preserve our tradition of making fine apple cider at local mills based at New Hampshire orchards, we urge the USFDA to defer its proposed rules requiring pasteurization for apple cider and instead consider adoption of processing standards which can achieve the same level of public protection at reasonable cost to our small cider makers; and

That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Administrator of the United States Food and Drug Administration, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-529. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to local television access; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Whereas, access to local broadcast television signals in certain rural areas is limited or unavailable and measures to facilitate the provision of local signals in unserved and underserved markets is required; and

Whereas, the United States Congress will again consider legislation establishing incen-

tives including loan guarantees for multi-channel video services to provide the access to local broadcast television signals in unserved and underserved rural areas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: That the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives support the improved access to local television for households in unserved and underserved rural areas; and

That the United States Congress is urged to enact legislation which establishes incentives including loan guarantees for multi-channel video services to provide the access to local broadcast television signals in unserved and underserved rural areas; and

That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-530. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to domestic dog and cat fur; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, A recent investigation conducted by the Humane Society of the United States and others revealed that approximately two million domestic dogs and cats are killed annually worldwide for their fur as part of an extensive international trade in the pelts of these animals, and that the method of killing is often exceedingly cruel; and

Whereas, Domestic dog and cat fur products are sometimes marketed in the United States, as evidenced, for example, by recent news stories reporting the sale of fur-trimmed coats labeled as "Mongolia dog fur" in New Jersey; and

Whereas, Federal law does not prohibit the practices of importing, selling, or using domestic dog or cat fur in garments and only requires the labeling of the fur used when the product costs more than \$150; and

Whereas, The importation and use of domestic dog and cat fur in garments or other products sold in the United States is shocking and does not comport at all with the generally accepted view of these animals as human companions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to enact legislation as soon as possible prohibiting the importation into the United States, or sale, of domestic dog or cat fur or any product made in whole or in part therefrom. For the purposes of this resolution, "domestic dog or cat" means a dog (*Canis familiaris*) or cat (*Felis catus* or *Felis domesticus*) that is generally recognized in the United States as being a household pet and shall not include coyote, fox, lynx, bobcat, or any other wild canine or feline species.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from the State, the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, and the chairman and each commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

POM-531. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

Whereas, separation of powers is fundamental to the United States Constitution and the power of the federal government is strictly limited; and

Whereas, under the United States Constitution, the states are to determine public policy; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the judiciary to interpret the law, not to create law; and

Whereas, our present federal government has strayed from the intent of our founding fathers and the United States Constitution through inappropriate federal mandates; and

Whereas, these mandates by way of statute, rule, or judicial decision have forced state governments to serve as the mere administrative arm of the federal government; and

Whereas, federal district courts, with the acquiescence of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes to comply with federal mandates; and

Whereas, these court actions violate the United States Constitution and the legislative process; and

Whereas, the time has come for the people of this great nation and their duly elected representatives in state government to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms, that the authority to tax under the Constitution of the United States is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to those duly elected representatives in the legislative branch of government whom they choose, such representatives being directly responsible and accountable to those who have elected them; and

Whereas, several states have petitioned the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the amendment was previously introduced in Congress; and

Whereas, the amendment seeks to prevent federal courts from levying or increasing taxes without representation of the people and against the peoples' wishes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: That the Congress of the United States prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new article providing as follows: "Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or a political subdivision thereof; or an official of such a state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes"; and

That this application for an amendment to the Constitution is a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States; and

That the house clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the New Hampshire Congressional delegation.

POM-532. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio relative to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-533. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee relative to proposed ergonomics standards; to